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No better test of any article can be made than the test of time, and this is particularly true of a kidney medicine. Doan's Kidney Pills have stood this test and stood it well. What better proof of the merits of this remedy could you demand, than the statement of a Barre resident who has been cured and has stayed cured?

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RANDOLPH.

Mrs. A. L. Rock and daughter from Ogdensburg, N. Y., are guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Partridge. Mrs. Jesse Wilson, Mrs. Partridge's sister, is also being entertained at the same place.

F. B. Wright, of the firm of Adams & Wright, has sold his interest in the business to his partner, J. B. Adams. Miss Mary Adams succeeds Mrs. George Drew as bookkeeper.

A large crowd attended the picnic on Wednesday at Mari-Castle park, given by the Christian brotherhood. The Green Mountain band was in attendance and games and sports were the amusements of the occasion.

Charles Wood, who was arrested here Monday for intoxication and wife-beating, and was confined in the lockup until Wednesday, was brought before the state's attorney and a hearing was given him. The result was that Wood was placed under \$500 bonds for appearance at the December term of court, and also put under \$500 bail to keep the peace. E. A. Thomas furnished the bail and Wood is again around the streets.

Mrs. Alice Badger Test and her daughter, who have been visiting at Dr. and Mrs. E. O. Blanchard's, left for their home in the West, Wednesday.

DOES YOUR BACK ACHE?

If it does, you should know that backache is generally caused by weak or diseased kidneys. A medicine called "Kidnax" has all its ingredients printed on the label, so that everyone may know just what is in it. It is the great kidney and bladder medicine. It cures frequent urination. Druggists and dealers sell it for 50c.

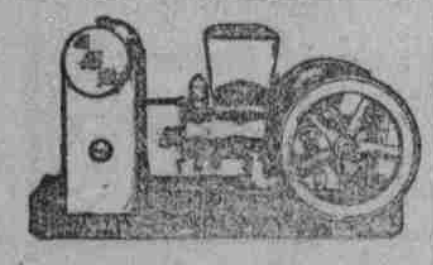
TRAVELERS' RAILWAY GUIDE.

Central Vermont Railway.
Trains leave Barre for White River Junction and Boston, and way stations, also Windsor and Bellows Falls and New York at 7:30 and 11:45 a. m. and 1:15 p. m. Also leave Barre for White River Junction, Bellows Falls, Burlington and New York at 5:45 p. m.
Trains leave Barre for Burlington, St. Albans, Montreal and way stations at 1:35 a. m., 5:45 a. m. and 11:15 p. m.

Montpelier & Wells River Railroad.
Trains leave Barre for Wells River, connecting at that point with trains going both north and south, at 1:15 a. m., 5:45 a. m. and 11:15 p. m. The 11:15 p. m. train connects with train for Boston, and north for Lebanon, Littleton, Putney and Lake Umbagog, also with Montreal express, and the 7:30 and 11:45 trains with St. Johnsbury train.
Trains leave Barre for Montpelier at 1:35, 5:45 a. m., 11:15 p. m., 4:15 and 5:45 p. m.

Electric Street Railway.
Cars leave square in Barre for Montpelier at 15 minutes of and 15 minutes past the hour. Leave Montpelier for Barre on the hour and 15 minutes past the hour.

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CHELSEA.

John W. Annis of White River Junction came Monday evening to spend a few days at his old boyhood home on the west hill and will be the guest of his nephew, Leon C. Grant. Mr. Annis is the son of the late Mrs. A. Annis and wife.

Martin Carpenter, son of Adolph B. Carpenter of Somerville, Mass., who is spending his vacation with relatives in town, went last week to St. Johnsbury to visit his uncle, Jason Carpenter.

Mrs. Berice Stevens LaDue of Waits River is in town canvassing for books and is incidentally visiting friends in town.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Tolman and daughters, Misses Ella E. and Edith S., and their son, Horace Tolman, left the first of the week for their home in Boston.

Rev. Carl C. Corwin and family of Chicago arrived recently to spend the month of August in town as the guests of the former's parents, Dr. and Mrs. M. H. Corwin. Mr. Corwin is the pastor of the Porter Memorial church in Chicago, and during his stay in town will preach at Cookville, (Corinth) in which place he spent his early childhood.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Emery and daughters, Alice and Mary, left Tuesday morning for a two weeks' vacation, which they will spend with the family of Mr. Emery's brother, Albert B. Emery, of Montague City, Mass.

Miss Maud Corwin of Hubbardston, came last week for a visit to her grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. M. H. Corwin, and also her father, Rev. Carl Corwin, of Chicago, who is spending his vacation in town.

The lines of both the New England and the Orange County Telephone companies are being transferred to the same set of poles on Main street, which will admit of the removal of at least half the number of poles and give a much better appearance to our well kept street.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Fletcher, who live on the east hill are rejoicing over the recent birth of a daughter.

BETHEL.

Mrs. Fannie Adams and Dr. Eddy were married Sunday at the Congregational church parsonage by Rev. S. F. Goodheart.

A son was born Sunday to Rev. and Mrs. Robert Wilson at the home of Mrs. J. J. Wilson.

Miss Nellie Adams of Boston is to be a guest of Mrs. W. L. Fish for the next few days.

Work is progressing finely on the engine-room of the tannery, and it is expected that 20 or more carpenters will soon arrive to begin work upon the building, which is to be completed before November 1.

Dr. O. V. Green has leased his house on River street to Principal James Walker for the next year.

Miss M. E. Waller and her mother will shortly leave her home here and go to Pawtucket, R. I. for an indefinite time.

Mrs. Aleck Washburn is taking a vacation from the Bethel telephone office and has gone to visit her parents in Morrisville.

Miss Mary Washburn has gone to Nantucket to pass a two weeks' vacation from her work at the Randolph National bank.

The latest reports from Myron Savage, who suffered a serious injury at Windsor, are more encouraging.

EAST CABOT.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Houghton were in Marshfield Friday.

Miss Florence Houghton was the guest of Miss Sarah Halerow of Penacum a few days last week.

Mrs. Helen Wilson of Danville is visiting her daughter, Mrs. S. F. Miles. Mrs. V. D. Blake and daughter, Gladys, visited friends in Calais Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. W. D. Barr visited at Oliver McCosco's at Danville Saturday.

Ernest Witham of Cabot visited at the Peck's the first of the week.

Herbert Houghton and wife were in Danville Monday.

Charles Mouldy, of South Cabot is working at G. A. Drew's.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Chandler were in Cabot one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Austin and daughter, Ruth, visited in Hardwick Sunday.

Struck a Rich Mine.

S. W. Bonds of Coal City, Ala., says he struck a perfect mine of health in Dr. King's New Life Pills, for they cured him of liver and kidney trouble, after 12 years of suffering. They are the best pills on earth for constipation, malaria, headache, dyspepsia, debility. 25c at the Red Cross Pharmacy.

WASHINGTON.

Mrs. C. A. Briggs of Williamstown, accompanied by Mrs. Mary Flint of Denver, Colorado, visited at Ora Curtis' the 12th.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Nye, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Seaver, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Seaver, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Flint, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Whitcomb attended the funeral of Rodney Seaver at Williamstown Monday.

The Republican caucus will be held Saturday, Aug. 20, at 2 o'clock p. m. All Republican voters are earnestly requested to be present.



WATERBURY.

Funeral of Oris Ayers Tuesday Was Largely Attended.

The funeral of Oris Ayers was largely attended from his old home Tuesday, the Rev. Mr. Parker of the Center officiating. The bearers were the sons of the deceased, Bart, Cammie, Walter, Charles and William, and son-in-law, Jerry Lyman. Mr. Ayers served in the U. S. regular infantry ten years, having enlisted in Co. I of the 10th regulars in May, 1885, and was discharged sergeant of Co. H, April, 1893. He was a charter member of Stetson post, and it was very appropriate that the casket should be draped with a flag and that the old comrades should attend in a body. The attendance was very large.

Mrs. Allen Fogg is visiting at the home of her parents in Enfield, N. H.

Miss Grace Balch of Lowell, Mass., is a guest of Mrs. E. F. Palmer, Jr. and Mrs. G. S. Bidwell.

Miss Margaret Newton of Montpelier is a guest of her grandmother, Mrs. Newton.

Annie Dorothy Palmer is spending a week in Waitsfield with Miss Clara Berry.

Mrs. Ellen Marble has returned from a two months' visit to her son in Worcester, Mass.

Editor and Mrs. H. C. Whitehill are spending ten days at Falmouth Heights, Mass.

Mrs. Maloney, son and daughter of Lowell are guests of her brother, A. J. Patterson.

Miss Alina Morse of Middlesex has been visiting her brother, Lucas Morse. Verno and Lloyd Fogg are spending a week at Highgate, the guests of Homer and Harold Campbell.

Mr. and Mrs. John Weir have returned from a visit to Mrs. Weir's brother in Cabot.

Bertrand Hart of Randolph is a guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Hart.

The members of the Pierian club had a delightful time at the Campbell cottage at Highgate Springs Tuesday.

Mrs. Vergin and daughter of Concord and James Vetch of Manchester, N. H., have returned home after spending a week in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lyon, Miss Blanche Stratham and Bernard Crafts of Bradford were recent visitors on Mount Mansfield.

Joseph Smith of the Rutland-Florence Marble company has returned to his work, after spending a few days with his parents.

B. J. Avery of South Duxbury lost a valuable horse last week, and after a three days' hunt found her in the Dowsville pasture dead, having been struck by lightning. Her colt, which has been running with her, was nearly famished, but in spite of that it took strong men to pull her away from her mother's side.

Blaine Wallace has gone to Niagara Falls, where he will visit Harold Huse.

District Attorney Jarvis O'Brien and Mrs. O'Brien of Troy, N. Y., called upon Mrs. W. H. B. Perry on their way to the White mountains.

The condition of Miss Mary Foster, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Foster, who has been ill for so long, is not so good.

F. J. Berry of Waitsfield visited E. F. Palmer, Jr., over Wednesday night.

Excursion and Boat Ride.

There will be an excursion and boat ride from Barre to Montpelier to Ausable chasm and return, Tuesday, Aug. 23, via Burlington. Round-trip tickets will be sold at the following reduced fares, which includes the rail ride to Burlington, steamer to Port Kent, the ride to Ausable chasm, also admission to the chasm. Fare for round trip, \$1.75. No children's tickets will be sold. Special trains will run to Burlington and return to connect with steamer Chateaugay, leaving Barre at 7:40 a. m. and Montpelier at 8 a. m., arriving at Burlington at 9:35. Steamer leaves at 9:45 and arrives at Port Kent at 10:40. Ausable chasm at 11:15. Returning, leave Ausable chasm at 3:15 and Burlington at 4:30. Tickets good only for continuous passage on special train.

ST. JOHNSBURY.

Senator Murray Crane of Massachusetts has been the guest of T. N. Vail of Lyndonville for the past week.

Oliver Barry leaves to-day for a two weeks' vacation in Hartford, Conn., and New York.

Ex-Governor Fletcher D. Proctor and family of Proctor are guests of T. N. Vail at the Speedwell farms this week.

Charles T. Walters and daughter, Miss Dorothy, went to Penacum to attend the celebration there Tuesday evening, and from there they will go to Harvey's pond, to attend the outing of the Caledonia Forest and Stream club.

Miss Agnes Hubbard of Hyde Park has been stopping a few days with friends in town.

Miss Mabel Jonas, who has been the guest of Miss Elizabeth Peck for the past two weeks, returned to her home in Cambridge, Mass., last night.

A. M. Goodrich and Mrs. Goodrich were in East Hardwick yesterday, being called there by the serious illness of Mr. Goodrich's mother.

G. D. McEwan returned to his work Monday after a two weeks' visit in Boston and New York.

Rev. Mr. Buckley, a former pastor of St. Andrew's church, and daughter are stopping in town for a few weeks. The recent real estate appraisals in St. Johnsbury show an increase (in appraisals, anyhow) of \$1,405,990, making the total to date \$5,755,000. The total in personality is \$620,000.

MONTPELIER.

Runaway Horse Made Excitement on Main Street Yesterday.

The funeral of Mr. Edward Baker was held yesterday afternoon from his late home, Rev. J. Edward Wright officiating. Ivy Rebekah lodge, of which Mr. Baker was a charter member, and the Woman's Relief corps attended in a body. S. W. Corse, R. F. Whitney, Elmer R. Clark and H. A. Bowman were the bearers, and interment was in Green Mount cemetery.

Nearly 300 people attended the lawn party given by the home and foreign missionary societies of Trinity church last evening. The lawn was decorated with American and foreign flags, and the tables were well arranged. Young women in Chinese costumes served at the tables.

After a ten weeks' trip, during which they covered 4,500 miles, to the western coast of the country, Hiram O'Dell and Henry Abbott have returned to Montpelier, well satisfied with Vermont. They spent most of the time in Oregon and California.

A runaway horse dashed into a double team driven by A. C. Montfort yesterday afternoon and although Mrs. Moulton and Miss Emma Pape and three children of Fred Myers of Chicago were knocked to the sidewalk on Main street, none was hurt. However, they all were greatly frightened. Mr. Moulton saw the runaway coming and jumped out and started to lead his horses onto the sidewalk, at the same time taking the woman to get out of the carriage. Before the latter could alight the runaway, which had just freed itself from the wagon, ran full tilt into the Moulton vehicle, striking just back of the horses. It was a narrow escape from being stepped on by the horses.

Frank Felt, while trying to crank up F. A. Standish's auto yesterday afternoon, sustained a fracture in one arm, the crank handle kicking and hitting him in the arm.

Articles of association were filed yesterday at the office of the secretary of state by the Manousine Lumber company, organized with a capital of \$120,000 to own and operate timber lands, etc., in Quebec, Can., with offices at Wells River, Vermont. The incorporators are Thomas R. Hall, John F. Hatch of Groton, Charles A. Young, Lisbon, N. H., Nelson Bailey, Wells, and Raymond M. Smith Woodville, N. H.

TRICKY ART DEALERS.

Astute Parisian Scheme For Booming a "New Master."

For the booming of a new artist an astute dealer is necessary. He catches his artist as young as possible, preferably as an exhibitor of crazy canvases at the autumn salon of the independents' exhibition, and commissions him to paint 100 pictures a year.

One by one, occasionally in twos and threes, at judicious intervals the dealer sends the pictures to the Hotel Drouot for sale by public auction. There he has confederates, who raise the price at each sale, and he buys them in himself.

After a few months the young artist's canvases have a certain market value, and the next step is taken to turn their painter into a modern master. The critics are attacked. One of them is asked to look at some dabs, and when he cries out with horror the dealer says:

"What? You don't like it? Take it home with you as a favor to me, live with it six months and then—"

In due course an art amateur calls upon the critic and cannot contain his admiration for the new artist's picture.

"What a masterpiece! The most modern thing in art I have seen for a long time!" he exclaims.

Doubt begins to invade the critic's mind, and when one or two more enthusiastic amateurs have visited him he is worked up to writing a column of paucity for the new master. The amateurs are, of course, sent by the dealer.

One or two articles and the boom is in full swing. Wealthy and simple minded collectors, remembering how other painters have been decried in their early days and how their works later have commanded fancy prices, rush in.

The new master makes about 10 per cent of the profit and the dealer the other 90 per cent. The new master is at the mercy of the dealer. If he grumbles the dealer floods the auction rooms with a hundred or so of his masterpieces and orders his agents not to bid, the result being that the canvases sell at rubbish prices, and the boom is burst—Gull Blas.

The Soft Answer.

Two men were occupying a double seat in a crowded car. One of them was a long distance whistler and the other was evidently annoyed. "You don't seem to like my whistling?" said the noisy one after a five minute continuous performance. "No, I don't," was the frank reply. "Well," continued the other, "maybe you think you are man enough to stop it?" "No, I don't think I am," rejoined the other, "but I hope you are." And the whistling was discontinued.—Argonaut.

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AMUSEMENT NOTES.

Pretty Gowns Are to Be Seen in "The Girl from Rector's."

Nell Brinkley, in the New York Evening Journal, declares the gowns worn by the young woman in "The Girl from Rector's," to be the prettiest she has ever seen on the stage.

"There are many mighty sumptuous frocks," said the famous artist and writer, in "The Girl from Rector's." "One is a flaming rose color, with a startling fanfare of inky buttons hopping down the sleeves and clear from the wearer's shoulder. All they are submerged in her train. With it goes a whopping big black belt like a turned-upside-down-tub of net, with a big willow plume flattened on its top, and two brilliant gilded feathers crooking back over it like golden penguins."

"Another is a yellow one, the color of ripened wheat, all glittery and glistening and evenly laced across the sides, from under her arms to her feet, with golden braid and yellow stones; and big stones on thin hair chains swinging from her ears like pendulums."

"The pretty little wife in the story wears a little blue frock as winsome as a baby's dress; faint blue chiffon cloth, with a little frothy lace waist of blue, a high-waisted long tailored skirt, and a big square, hemmed width of the cloth folded across the back and let hang in deep folds."

"And a little coat, too—a buff-colored coat. White, broadcloth, with a great starting black for collar and cuffs, and two buttons in black under her shoulder blades, and two in 'little odd,' (the little heart-cracking theatre hoods than the Bettinas are wearing to the theatre) of golden blue, tied under her red gold hair by the side of her ear, with a bow as big as a cabbage."

"And then the big smiling yellow-haired lady's pale pink and white lingerie. Like ice cream, that was! Cream puffs and raspberry ice!"

"The Girl from Rector's" will be seen at the opera house next Saturday night.

J. C. Rockwell's New Sunny South Co. J. C. Rockwell's New Sunny South company, which will appear in the city opera house, Tuesday evening, August 23, has for a long time held an unique place amongst the colored attractions of America. Since it made its first appearance eleven years ago, it has had many imitators, some of them good, some indifferent, but all have had their day and been forgotten. The Sunny South, on the contrary has increased its popularity and has always been able to introduce something new. This organization is in a position to furnish an entertainment second to none in its line of endeavor and this season the performance is unsurpassed by any similar organization. It is universally popular, its tour covers every section of the continent and its season is so prolonged that it is a perpetual never doing one. In its ranks are to be found some of the cleverest and most talented negro singers, dancers, comedians and musicians in the country. The music is bright and thrilling in character and can be whistled after one hearing. The Ohio is one of the strong features of the performance, it is composed of eight high-grade and sensational vaudeville stunts, equalling what is to be found outside the larger cities. In fact it is very seldom that eight acts such a calibre are found on any vaudeville bill.

The organization is accompanied by a high-class solo concert band and a superb orchestra. The band will lead the Kootown parade, which will take place at noon.

LONDON THEATERS.

They Charge From a Penny to Sixpence For a Bill of the Play.

At the London theaters where the young woman shows you to a seat she asks if you wish a program. If you do you pay sixpence in the orchestra or dress circle for a program handsomely printed on fine paper. The price ranges down through "third-pence" and "tuppence" as the galleries ascend to a penny in the cockpit. The quality of paper and the general artistic merit of the program decline with the price, but exactly the same information is conveyed for a penny as for sixpence. The fastidious theatergoer might prefer to pay a dime for a neat and simple program rather than to have a bulky bunch of advertisements gratis, as in New York, but these London programs, although not so thick as those of New York, are not devoid of advertisements. This gives the purchaser the feeling that he is being worked at both ends. A lady reminds me, however, that a program in a New York theater costs her 10 cents, as the smug printing rubs off on her white gloves, the cleaning of which costs a dime.

The quality of the performance at the better London theaters certainly averages no higher than that at similar theaters in New York. The music halls are the resort of the great mid-class class. These are great auditoriums with tier on tier of galleries, the seating capacity ranging perhaps from 3,000 to 5,000.—London Letter in New York Sun.

The Roman Tribunes.

The tribunes in ancient Rome represented the people in much the same way that the house of commons does in England and the house of representatives in this country. For a long time the patricians or aristocrats of Rome had everything their own way. But when the plebeians or, as we would say, the "plain people" got their tribunes the reckless tyranny of the patricians ceased. The tribunes had great power. He could veto almost any act and nullify almost any law passed by the Romans. Liberty among the Romans dates from the time they first secured their tribunes.—New York American.

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Of The Times and All Others

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THE PONY EXPRESS.

Fearless Riders and the Dangers and Hardships They Faced.

Perhaps the most picturesque figure on the old trail was the pony express rider. The overland stage proved too slow for mail and express in its flight from the Missouri and the Pacific. True, it had cut down the months of the old ox team to twenty-five days, and still there was a clamor that the east and west be brought closer together, and it was done. The pony cut the time to ten days.

Those who were personally acquainted with the famous pony express of those days could never forget the intrepid rider who braved all peril, forlorn of self, latest only on the speedy delivery of his precious moccasins to the next hardy horseman. Hard and fast he rode over mountains and plains, across scorching desert and icy snow, through sunshine and rain, past friend, away from foe, to the final achievement—the safe delivery of his charge.

Forty fearless horsemen in saddle riding west, as many more riding east—and this novel but useful enterprise was in motion. For two years the pony express carried messages of business and love across 2,000 miles of western mountains and plains, over a country peopled with a hostile race, destitute of civilization or development, through a region wild, desolate and little known.

It was in 1839 that the pony express was established. The route, briefly stated, was due west from St. Joseph to Fort Kearney, up the Platte to Julesburg, thence, by Fort Laramie and Fort Bridger, to Salt Lake City, thence to Camp Floyd, Ruby valley, the Humboldt, Carson City, Placerville and Folsom, to Sacramento and San Francisco by boat.

The intention of the pony express was to carry letters only and not more than ten pounds at a trip. It was decided that the safest and easiest mode of carrying the mail was to make four pockets, one in each corner of the moccasin, a covering made of heavy leather or the expert Mexican and Spanish riders. The moccasin was transferred from pony to pony and went through from St. Joseph to San Francisco, the pockets containing the mail being locked and opened only at military posts en route and at Salt Lake City. These precious letters were wrapped in oiled silk to protect them, but even this precaution sometimes failed. Riders had to be crossed; horse and rider swam together.—W. C. Jenkins in National Magazine.

THE MANTILLA.

A Spanish Woman Answers the Question, "Why Do You Wear It?"

The writer once asked of a well known lady